



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3605

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
2006 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chairwoman Roybal-Allard and Ranking Member Fleischmann:

We greatly appreciate your continued support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Nonprofit Security Grant Program. As members of Congress fully committed to ensuring safety in every community and house of worship throughout the country, we respectfully ask that you fund the Urban Area Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant (NSGP) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program NSGP at \$180 million, respectively, as you work to finalize the FY2022 Omnibus Appropriations bill. Additionally, we ask for a set aside of up to 5 percent to allow FEMA and the State Administrative Agencies to provide outreach, training and educational resources for organizations applying for grant funding.

On January 15, 2022, the country watched in horror as a gunman held four people hostage at the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville, Texas for over 10 hours. Unfortunately, the antisemitic attack in Colleyville is not an outlier. Domestic terrorism and violent hate crimes targeting faith-based and charitable organizations have drastically increased over the last decade. The number of hate crimes reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2020 was the highest level in 12 years.¹ During a March 2021 Senate hearing, FBI Director Christopher Wray

¹ FBI Hate Crime Statistics, 2020; <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2020-hate-crime-statistics>

testified that “the top threat we face from DVEs [domestic violent extremists] continues to be those we identify as racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists.”²

We are grateful for the quick response from first responders and law enforcement at every level of government that helped bring an end to the hours-long standoff. However, the attack in Colleyville is evidence that the federal government must do more to support efforts and initiatives that work to ensure safety for the Jewish community and other communities of faith.

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program provides much needed funding to help nonprofit organizations at risk of a terrorist attack. These grants allow organizations to prevent and protect against potential attacks by supporting critical security enhancements, training, and other emergency preparedness planning.

Currently, the NSGP is unable to meet the growing security needs of faith-based, charitable, and other nonprofit organizations across the country that continue to see attacks from domestic violent extremists. We have heard numerous reports about a significant amount of grant applications that are denied every year, presumably due to limited funding and insufficient technical assistance and support from the State Administrative Agencies. Increasing funding for this grant program will allow the federal government to assist more organizations. For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to provide adequate funding in the amount of \$180 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative NSGP and \$180 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program NSGP, as well as a set-aside of up to 5 percent to allow for training and technical assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration of our request.

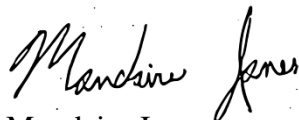
Sincerely,




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² Senate Committee on the Judiciary Hearing, “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: the January 6 Insurrection, Domestic Terrorism, and Other Threats,” March 2, 2021;
<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/meetings/oversight-of-the-federal-bureau-of-investigation-the-january-6-insurrection-domestic-terrorism-and-other-threats>

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